tourism, trade with Iraq, Kuwait and other Gulf countries as a result of Gulf war; and

(b) the steps being taken to make up this loss and to check its impact on Indian economy?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The Gulf war is estimated to result in a significantly adverse impact on foreign excahnge inflows in India from the Gulf countries. It is estimated that during 1988-89 remittances from Kuwait amounted to $ 200 million while from Iraq these were $ 5 million. Thus, about $ 200 million of remittances will no longer be forthcoming. Further, Gulf countries are the sources of about 66 per cent NRERA flows with about 18 per cent of these coming from Kuwait. Such flows have failed to maintain the buoyancy since August, 1990.

In terms of loss of trade, in 1989-90 West Asain countries accounted for about 6.7 per cent of India's exports with Kuwait accounting for 0.7 per cent and Iraq about 0.5 per cent. The immediate impact of the Gulf Crisis could, thus, mean a loss of about $ 200-250 million if loss of exports to Iraq and Kuwait is alone considered. Apart from this, annual deferred payments to the extent of Rs. 170 crores due from Iraq is also unlikely to be realised at least in short-term.

(b) To compensate for the estimated loss in foreign exchange inflows, the Government have initiated a number of measures to promote exports and curtail non-essential imports. Attempts are also being made to augment foreign exchange earnings through capital inflows including accelerated disbursement of external assistance. In addition, a number of measures for raising revenues and controlling expenditure have also been taken to moderate the fiscal impact on the Indian Economy.

Enquiry into the functioning of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd.

*90. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set a Committee at the administrative level to enquire into the functioning of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said committee has since submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the findings of the committee and what decision has so far been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKAMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. A team consisting of three officers was deputed to make on the spot study of various units under the Pepsi Project.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Since it involves other Departments like Finance, Commerce and Agriculture besides Food Processing Industries, it has been decided to form a Joint Committee consisting of above Departments to process the report in all aspects.

लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र द्वारा निर्यातों में वृद्धि करने के लिए कदम

*91. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 जनवरी, 1991 को "दा हिन्दु" में "स्माल सेक्टर हैज गुड स्कोप टू बूस्ट एक्सपोर्ट्स" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार देश के निर्यातों में वृद्धि करने के लिए लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र को और अधिक सुविधायें देने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार ने लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र द्वारा 1988-90 के वर्षों के दौरान निर्यातों में वृद्धि करने में दिए गए योगदान की प्रतिशतता का मूल्यांकन किया है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री साथ में विधि एवं न्याय मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त भार (श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) तथा (ग) लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र से होने वाले निर्यातों को बढ़ाने के लिए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में विभिन्न उपाय सोचे गये हैं जिन पर विचार किया जाना है और उन्हें स्वीकृति दी जानी है। निर्यात आंकड़े वस्तु समूहों के अनुसार संस्तुत किए जाते हैं न कि लघु क्षेत्र अथवा बड़े क्षेत्र के आधार पर। कुल निर्यातों में लघु क्षेत्र के योगदान का अनुमान विकास आयुक्त, लघु उद्योग कार्यालय द्वारा लगाया जाता है, जो कि निर्यात संवर्धन परिषदों तथा वस्तु बोर्डों द्वारा संकलित आंकड़ों पर आधारित होता है। कुल निर्यातों में लघु क्षेत्र का योगदान वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान, जिसके सम्बन्ध में अनुमान उपलब्ध हैं, 28.1% था।

Fall in tea production

*92. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been considerable fall in the production of Tea in the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to import tea to meet the shortage in production?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY): (a) and (b) There is no fall in the production of tea in India. The table below gives the trend of the production during the last three years:

Year	Production (Million Kgs.)
1987-88	677·85
1988-89	682·67
1989-90	702·81

(c) *Does not arise*

Action Plan to improve Tax collection

*93. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Board of Direct Taxes has drawn up any action plan to reduce the tax arrears and improve tax collection;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main features of the Central Action Plan of the Income-tax Department for the year 1990-91 in respect of reduction of tax arrears are as follows:

Targets for reduction of I.T. demand and entries

(i) Reduce 60 per cent of the gross arrear demand brought forward on 1.4.90